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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yuichi ARITA, et al.

Serial No. 09/268,999

Group Art Unit: 2123

Confirmation No. 9272

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Examiner: K. Thangavelu

For: SIMULATION APPARATUS, SIMULATION METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING SIMULATION PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON AS WELL AS DESIGNING SUPPORTING APPARATUS

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on September 9, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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